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10/767694**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450***REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OR DIVISION
OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION***

Sir:

This is a request for filing a *continuation* application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior international application number PCT/EP02/07614 filed on July 9, 2002 which designated the United States.

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Title: **MEDICAL INSTRUMENT****APPLICATION ELEMENTS:**

- (1) Patent Application Specification, including Abstract and claims - 14 pages
- (2) Four (4) sheet(s) of formal drawings, together with transmittal letter
- (3) A check in the amount of \$810.00 to cover the [X] filing fee(\$770.00) and/or [X] Assignment Recordal Fee (\$40.00) is enclosed.

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Basic Fee							\$	770.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (\$260.)								
Foreign Language Surcharge (\$130.)								
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EXTRA	Total Claims	15	20	0	x	\$18.	=	\$ 0.00
CLAIMS	Independent Claims	1	3	0	x	\$86.	=	\$ 0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE							=	\$ 770 .00

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- (4) Declaration and Power of Attorney form -- 3 pages
 - a. Newly executed
 - b. Copy from a prior application
 - c. Deletion of inventor(s) – signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application.

(5) Small Entity Status

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- (6) Assignment document
 - a. Newly executed (with \$40.00 recordal fee) and separate transmittal Form PTO-1595
 - b. Copy from a prior application
 - c. Please include assignee information when this application is published
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(7) Preliminary Amendment

(8) Certified Copy of Priority Document, together with separate transmittal letter

(9) Information Disclosure Statement, together with PTO Form 1449, copies of cited foreign references and International Search Report for PCT/EP02/07614

(10) Return receipt postage prepaid postcard

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(12) Application Data Sheet

(13) Other:

(14) Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

**"This application is a continuation of international application number
PCT/EP02/07614 filed on July 9, 2002."**

(15) This application claims the benefit of German Patent Application No. 101 38 393.2 filed August 4, 2001.

(16) Correspondence address:

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(17) Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.10 and 1.53, Applicants respectfully request that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of January 29, 2004, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail (No. EV 129898199 US).

Respectfully submitted,



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By: Carol Prentice
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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are four (4) sheets of formal drawings for filing in the above-referenced patent application.

Please advise the undersigned attorney if correction is necessary.

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